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**State Health Department Certifies Mercy Hospital in Valley City
as a Level IV Trauma Center**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today announced the certification of Mercy Hospital, Valley City, N.D., as a Level IV trauma center, according to Amy Eberle, state trauma coordinator for the Department of Health.

To receive a Level IV designation, a hospital is visited by a state trauma site review team, which reports to the State Trauma Committee. The Committee reviews the site visit report, determines the hospital's designation, and reports to the Department of Health.

Level I through V trauma centers must be able to accept and provide services to major trauma patients. North Dakota currently has six Level II, one Level III, 20 Level IV and 11 Level V trauma centers, which must seek renewal of the designation every one to three years.

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